

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
OFFICE OF BINATIONAL BORDER HEALTH (COBBH)
Accomplishments Review, April 2002

- **Annual Border Health Status Report 2000:** Reviews the COBBH, the border region's health status based on Healthy Border 2010 community health indicators with a focus on Latino populations, and offers recommendations.
- **U.S-Mexico Border Health Commission:** The California Delegation implements Healthy Border 2010 in Imperial and San Diego. The Commission has hosted two forums for the public health communities of San Diego-Tijuana and Imperial-Mexicali, and participated in all border-wide Commission work, reports, and meetings.
- **Meetings of California/Baja California State Directors of Health:** First-ever meeting in 2000 in Mexicali helped improve collaboration between the two states. A second meeting, in 2001 in El Centro, focused on TB and HIV/STD.
- **Border Governors:** State lead in health worktable recommendations development, and implementation, and support to the Director for the annual Governors meetings.
- **California-Mexico Migrant Health Initiative:** Coordinate the CDHS participating programs for CMHI and CDHS collaboration with CMHI partners: University of California, Mexico's Secretary of Health, and several counties. The highlight was the first Binational Health Week, October 12-19, 2001.
- **COBBH Advisory Group:** Convened the 12 members in January 2002. Coordinating with Steering Committee to develop a strategic plan by summer 2002.
- **Imperial County:** Continued part-time epidemiologic support to ensure border area coverage.
- **Binational Border Infectious Disease Surveillance (BIDS):** Oversee the San Diego and Imperial part of this CDC surveillance system in sister-cities.
- **Border Sexually Transmitted Infections prevention:** Coordinate focused STD control efforts to Tijuana and Mexicali in cooperation with public health authorities.
- **Ten Against Tuberculosis (TATB):** Several-year collaboration with border states to improve binational TB control.
- **Border Environmental Health:** Hosted a strategic planning conference in 2000 in Imperial County and generated a report with recommendations.

- **Border Diabetes Prevention and Control:** Participate in this CDC-funded, PAHO-managed prevalence and education intervention study project.
- **Prescription drug safety in Latino communities:** Provide support to Los Angeles County's Binational Border Health Program to educate Latino communities about the dangers of buying and using prescription drugs without a doctor's oversight.
- **U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA):** Provide support toward the USMBHA annual meetings, and for the Binational Health Councils and Committees (Imperial/Mexicali and San Diego/Tijuana).
- **U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Support:** Have worked for HRSA support (over \$3 million) for border communities (for access to care, HIV/AIDS, emergency medical services for children, tuberculosis, pedestrian injury prevention, promotoras, and oral, mental, and environmental health).
- **Communications:** Developed a toll-free (1-888-531-7484) telephone line for our Mexico partners; a web-site (www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/ps/dcdc/COBBH/); and a trimesterly newsletter.
- **Health professional capacity building:** Advise the Border Area Health Education Center and the Health Education Training Center of U.C. and HRSA.